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From the President:

Dear Member

There is an old saying that, in one of its more respectable forms, goes thus:-

“After the Lord Mayor’s Procession there comes the dust cart.” I find myself wondering how far the sentiment extends to the life of the Association.

We have celebrated the Centenary of the formation of the Association, with various appropriate events; then came a very successful reunion of those who entered either of the two schools in the years 1953 to 1966 with about 120 attendees; and then the centenary of the opening of the Newbury County Girl’s Grammar School with a well supported celebration with 450 attending!

This past year has been one of more somber, less flamboyant and lower key activity. For good reason in each case, several of the sporting activities did not occur. It is as if the body corporate needed a pause to draw breathe and gather strength for a fresh life with a renewed and streamlined pattern of activity.

After my rather lengthy period of service as President, it is fitting now to pay tribute to all those who have laboured to maintain the Association and wish the new President and all those who serve with him vigour and inspiration to continue the work.

Keith W. Allen
(ON 1936-1943)
FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Old Newburian

Everyone involved with the Girls School Centenary celebrations deserves congratulations and thanks. It was a great privilege for me, on behalf of the school, to host the Reunion in October 2004. Nearly 500 ‘girls’ came back to school and enjoyed a wonderful day.

I would like to congratulate the organising committee, chaired by Anne Gray, who was ably supported by a dynamic group made up of Jane Proudfoot, Sylvia Sellwood, Sue Tickle, Pat Smalley, Catherine Moody, John Wright, Gill Hart and Judith Thomas. They were an effective group to work with who demonstrated many skills organising the event; their efforts were greatly appreciated by everyone who attended the reunion. Val Pollitt, a former student and now a history teacher at the school, wrote an excellent history of the girls’ school. The book was warmly reviewed in the press and praised as an item every family associated with the girls school would want in their household. Copies are still available, telephone 01635 521255 (£10 plus £2 post and package in the UK). The book publishing project was supported by the school’s charitable foundation.

Some long serving staff left the school in August 2005. I am confident many members of the ONA will have fond memories of being taught by Ann Pardoe (Assistant Head), Ann Parker (Head of Girls PE), Jane Hazel (Art) and others will remember two support staff, Irene Morley (Finance) and Gabriel Cave (Resources).

Our students continue to flourish and are offered brilliant opportunities by the staff at the school. Charlie Usher was the national winner of the BBC Proms Young Composers competition (his composition was played at the Albert Hall and broadcast on Radio 3), Cadet Sergeant James Cullen was the Lord Lieutenant’s Cadet for the year, and Joe Mann was one of the top 10 candidates in A Level Fine Art in the country.

The school retains the traditions and expectations that were part of your era. We became the fourth school nationally to achieve the prestigious Challenge Award, which is granted to schools with sustained and high quality work for gifted and able students. In the summer we achieved improved examination results at every level.

In sport, boys and girls, individuals and teams have been very successful. We continue to enjoy the ONA fixtures.

During the course of the year, I am aware that two former staff, Douggie Saint and Sue Appleby have died. A very sad loss.

The ONA remains a key part of the school, its past and its future and I hope that you will continue to actively support your appointed officers.

With best wishes.
Yours sincerely
S J Robinson
Headteacher
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS DURING 2005/2006

2005

Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Sun. 27th. November 2005; 11.30am
Conservative Club, Cheap St. Newbury,
Contact: The President, Keith Allen

Rugby v School
Sat. 17th Dec 2005; 2.30pm
Contact: Chet Hobbs, Tel. 01635-522546

Lacrosse v School
Sat. 10th Dec 2005; 10.30am
Contact: Janet Calloway, Tel. 01635-200399

2006

Football v School
Sat. 25th March 2006; 2.30pm
Contact: Chet Hobbs, Tel. 01635-522546

Netball v School
Sat. 25th March 2006; 10.30am
Contact: Janet Calloway, Tel.01635-200399

Golf v School
TBA
Contact: Chet Hobbs, Tel. 01635-522546

Cricket v School
Sun. 25th June 2006; 2.30pm
Contact: Chet Hobbs, Tel. 01635-522546

Cricket v The Staff
Tues. 4th July 2006; 6.00pm
Contact: Chet Hobbs, Tel. 01635-522546

Rugby v School
Sat. 9th Dec. 2006; 2.00pm
Contact: Chet Hobbs, Tel. 01635-522546

Lacrosse v School
Sat. 9th Dec. 2006; 10.30am
Contact: Janet Calloway, Tel.01635-200399

Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Sun. 26th. November 2006; 11.30am
Conservative Club, Cheap St. Newbury,
Contact: The President, Derek Brown

Contact details and email addresses are given inside the back cover. Alternative contacts for these events are either the Secretary, Jon Herne or Richard Sellwood.
Web Site Guestbook Entries

To contact any of these Old Newburians you will be able to email them by visiting the guest book on our web site (www.oldnewburians.co.uk).

Graham O’Riordan 1960; Lusaka, Zambia
After 10 years Short Service Commission in RN, during which time I married Liz Edwards in 1967 at St Nicholas Church, we went to New Zealand and spent 5 years there. We have, since 1980, been in Zambia, initially with a freight forwarder (21 years) and latterly with a cargo airline (MK) and now with Maersk and Safmarine (Shipping lines). Even though Zambia is an inland country we still import and export in containers. Liz now runs our organic farm (only 40 acres) just out of Lusaka and I work in the city. We also have a home in Exmouth. We are in regular touch with Nick Gregory, Alan Burch, Kevin Thompson (Melbourne) and Geoff Dixon (Harare) who was a Chemistry teacher in 1960-1. We have 2 sons, one working in London and the other in New Zealand.

Sheila Hall (nee Booth) 1952; Warwick
Have previously lived in London, Cheltenham, Bristol, Leeds, Nottingham and Catterick. Became an EO in the Civil Service on leaving school, but escaped to University in 1957. Read English at Bristol, then became a librarian, Married 1964. Arts Periodicals Librarian at Univ. of Nottingham until 1967, when I retired to domesticity and two children. Later a school secretary Catterick and then Warwick.

Andrew (Andy) Shepheard 1968; Benest, France
Joined School at same time as Bas Cooper. Left 1967 returned to re-sit A levels and left again 1968. After Univ of London returned to teach till 1976. Subsequently taught in Oxfordshire before commonsense got the better of me. Now residing in France running a B&B, Retreat Centre and veg garden. (Thank you John Dyson, Jimmy Green, Bruce Ismay!) Still in contact with John Curtis, and Tony Nixon. Married with 2 dogs & 4 cats. My French grammar is still execrable. Anyone welcome to drop in here - particularly fellow pupils and former students/colleagues.

David Fall 1966; Bangkok, Thailand
Graduated from Oxford in 1970 with a BA in Modern History (later MA - purchased). After a year as a VSO teacher in Papua New Guinea 1970-71, joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and was posted to Thailand, South Africa, Thailand again, Australia (as Deputy High Commissioner) and Vietnam (Ambassador). Appointed British Ambassador to Thailand and concurrently Laos in August 2003. Married to Gwendolyn, with 3 sons, all graduated and in their 20s. Looking forward to a change of career in a couple of years’ time, returning to home near Marlborough, Wiltshire, and to catching up with friends from both wings of the school.
Philip Wilkinson 1967; Enford, Wilts
33 years in the British Army. Still working for HMG, currently policy advisor to the National Security Council in Afghanistan.

Caroline Quirk 1968; Loughborough, Leics
Since school have lived in Maidstone, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Salisbury and Loughborough. Married since 1973, have 2 grown up daughters and a grand-daughter. Originally worked in labs at agricultural research station, now in admin at local Health Care company.

Brenda Jones 1968; Compton, Berks
Still working in scientific research; married but children grown up and away from home. keep up-to-date with a mixture of information from the ONA site and Friends Reunited.

Derek Barnes 1946; Wool, Wareham, Dorset

Tony (Willie) Wilson 1955; USA/Australia
PhD from the University of Southampton. Worked in computers in London, Holland, Switzerland, Australia and the US. Retired 1993 and I am now on my twelfth round-the-world ticket. I would be interested in hearing from anyone of my era: Pete Sonksen, Freddy Lecoyte, Tom Hall etc.

Shane Morgan 1992; Sydney, Australia
Still in Australia. I am coming back to the UK next year (2005) and would be keen on organising a reunion of my year and those who remember. Any thoughts???? Let me know.

Michael John Carrington THOMSON
Michael entered the school as a border in September 1941, coming to escape air raids on his home town of Hull. He went on to qualify in medicine at the London Hospital Medical School. He followed this with a variety of posts including government and missionary hospitals in Uganda and returned home to qualify in psychiatry at the Leeds Medical School. In 1965 he migrated to Canada where he eventually settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia where he practised as a psychiatrist. He married Dorothy (Rhonda). He died 12 May 2005 and is survived by Dorothy and their son Jonathan.

K.W.A.
Douglas Edward John SAINT
1916 – 2004

Douglas Saint will be remembered well by many old boys and former staff at St Bartholomew’s School following a career which spanned almost forty years. It was in 1937 when, having trained at Winchester Teacher Training College, he first joined the staff at St Bartholomew’s Grammar School (as it was then) under the headmastership of Rutherford-Harley and was appointed to teach mathematics, games and woodwork. He was warmly welcomed by the local community and it was not long before his athletic ability was recognised by Newbury Rugby Club. In his membership he played alongside Bruce Ismay and Rex Maggs, also teachers at St Bart’s.

At the outbreak of war, already a member of the RAF Volunteer Reserve, Douglas was soon posted to Brize Norton where he was responsible for teaching other young men to fly. He was a talented pilot with a good record of pilot training. However his flying abilities were much needed later by Photographic Reconnaissance and he remained in this posting until the end of the war flying the mosquito. He was awarded the AFC for his service in the RAF.

In 1940 Douglas married Dora and their daughter was born the following year. After the war the family moved to Chieveley. Dora concentrated on her writing and was to become very successful and well known as ‘Miss Read’. Douglas returned to St Bart’s and, having graduated from London University with a history degree, went on to enjoy a varied and successful career becoming senior history master, Davis housemaster and ultimately assistant headmaster to the late Basil Cooper. Steadfast and reliable, with a good sense of humour, he was much liked and respected by boys and staff alike. He retired from school in 1976.

In his retirement he was able to devote more time to his lifelong pleasure of working with wood. His work was fine, accurate and beautifully finished and reflected the high standards he set in other aspects of his life. Not the least of these is the neatly tended garden of the cottage which had been home for over forty years. He was also always interested in rugby, the theatre, reading and travel and until his death, after a short illness, daily walks in the countryside surrounding his home were routine. A devoted family man, gentleman and scholar he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

R.E.P.

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News has been received of the deaths of the following Old Newburians.
We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

R. Brown       P. Cropper
B. Curtis       J.A. Durnford
S. E. Gibbs     M. Morrison
B. Nicholls     W.C. Povey
Anjanette Rossi D.E.J. Saint
L.R. Squire     A. Seward
Dr M.J.C. Thompson

Steven GIBBS CBE
1943-2005

Steve Gibbs died on June 24 2005 aged 62. He had been diagnosed with a brain tumour in Jan. 2004. He was born in London, the elder son of Fred and Winnie Gibbs. The family moved to Ashmore Green in 1957. Steve attended St. Bartholomew’s Grammar School. He was a keen rugby player and was a founder member of the Scout group. He was made head boy in 1962.

He attended University College, London, graduating in Physics with a 2:1 degree, and then worked at RSRE Malvern before moving in 1983 to the Ministry of Defence in London, where he reached the position of Army Chief Scientist. He was awarded the CBE in 1991 for his services in the Gulf War.

He then left to become a director of the Docklands Light Railway where he was involved in the development of the system. In recent years he worked as a non-executive director at AWE Aldermaston and as a consultant for various projects. He married Carole in 1967 and they had two daughters, Katie in 1972 and Vivienne in 1975, settling first in Malvern and then in Liphook, Hampshire.

Steve was originally a keen rock climber and mountaineer and then became an enthusiastic walker. He was also a keen sailor and skier, and in recent years had taken up watercolour painting.

He enjoyed a full, active life and had a very successful and notable career. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, and leaves a gap in our lives which will be hard to fill.

R. Gibbs

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Memories Revived
A selection of extracts from The Newburian, The Old Newburian, The School Record and other sources.

25 years ago
The Newburian, 1980
General Inspection Oct. 1980......Initially the pupils thought that they were the ones being inspected. When the news broke that it was the STAFF who were to be scrutinised, realisation dawned and little minds throughout the school turned to thoughts of sadism..

50 years ago
The Newburian, 1955
(Editorial). And now a matter of great importance! Have you ever heard of the old tale that a master’s lot is not a wealthy one? Has Fortune then turned her fateful wheel? - and has the long-awaited reign of opulence begun? Turn your eyes to the “Front Quad” and see for yourself. How beautiful those majestic power-driven vehicles appear - Vauxhalls, Hillmans, Morrises and Fords - not to mention the British Motor Corporation’s blue-eyed baby! We say, therefore, to the promising youth who reads this page: “If you are one whose sole ambition in life is to teach, no longer allow yourself to be dissuaded by inconsiderate affirmations that your whole future will be surrounded by impecuniosity.”
Wednesday, June 8th, was the eightieth birthday of George Hughes. It is interesting to note that half of his life has been spent in the service to the School, firstly as caretaker and more recently as “Tuck Shop-keeper”.
Probably the most interesting topic this term is the mouse situation in the Prefect’s Room. A full-scale war has been launched, and following the preparation of a skillfully laid trap, one of the enemy was taken prisoner and executed. This signified the turning of the tide, after our troops had been frequently out-maneuvered by the mice guerrilla forces. The main problem has been the baffled attempts to cut their lines of communication, our scouts having been unable to locate their headquarters. Whether these biscuit eating specimens of the animal world found their own way up, or are being secretly bred in Mr. Herbert’s lair below....

The Record, 1955
....Now a science lab. is a home to a scientist and is a place where she can retreat in safety if she has failed to complete her Latin translation or her English essay, in entire confidence that the mistress concerned would not dream of setting foot in such a sacred and, in her opinion, dangerous place.

75 years ago
The Newburian, 1930
Work has begun on a new cricket pitch in the Frith Road field, which, it is hoped, will soon become the First XI’s recognised playing field.
The House system has, this term, seen alterations. New House, having been deprived of its house master (Mr. Goodliffe) and house prefect, was formally disbanded at the beginning of term and its members absorbed into the four original houses... With only four Houses, each will possess more members than formerly, so that there will be a greater chance of strong House teams being produced at cricket and football. Furthermore, it will now be possible for every House to play each of its three rivals in one season, and this method will be adopted from next term. Points will be awarded on the result of each match, which will count towards the annual award of a cup to the House which proves successful in most events during the year.

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ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The Annual General Meeting precedes the Luncheon

at

THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB
CHEAP ST.
NEWBURY

on

SUN. 27th NOVEMBER 2005

at 11.30am

This Meeting will be followed by a 3-course Luncheon

at

12.30 for 1.00pm

Tickets £20

Tickets are available from the Secretary, Jon Herne at 42 Aintree Close, Newbury, Berks RG14 7TX, or any member of the committee.

******** AGM and LUNCH ********
******** 26th NOV. 2006 ********

Please make a note of this event in your diary and do try to attend.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st October 2004

INCOME
Interest Receivable 501.74
Dinner Surplus 398.87
Surplus on sale of ties 27.00
Centenary Club Surplus (4 months income less prizes) 479.00
Mail-out sponsorship 395.00
Donations: general 223.30
Donations: standing orders 739.00
Total Income 2763.91

EXPENDITURE
Printing and Stationery 760.38
Postage 799.79
Donations: Other 75.00
Sundries 13.00
Website Costs 58.74
Sporting Fixtures 188.96
Sports Insurance 224.30
Total Expenditure 2120.17

(DEFICIT) SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE 643.74

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st October 2004

Notice Board 1.00
Stock of ties 270.00
Newbury Building Society 13,586.93
Nationwide Building Society 1511.34
HSBC 2052.24
Debtors 220.00
Centenary Club (637.00)
Girls Reunion (867.52)

16,135.99
16,136.99

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
Balance brought forward 13,526.93
Receipts from Life Members 60.00

13,286.93

REVENUE ACCOUNT
Balance brought forward 1906.32
(Deficit)/Excess of income over expenditure 643.74

2,550.06
16,136.99
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
Of
Newbury Girls School

On Saturday 9th October 2004 over four hundred old girls met at the Luker site of St. Bartholomew’s School to celebrate the Centenary of Newbury Girls’ School. Their ages ranging from thirty to ninety three, the oldest lady Mrs Peggy Copping (nee Suter) had started at the school in 1917 as a five year old. There were some old ‘boys’ who had attended the school in the prep department in the 1930s and a lady, Elizabeth Littlefair, who had attended the school during the second World War when she was evacuated to Newbury with her school, Godolphin and Latimer, which shared the school buildings during WW2 with Newbury Girls’ School pupils. Thirty seven members of staff came, the eldest being Miss Doreen Humm who had started at the school in 1939.

The day began with coffee which gave the first opportunity for catching up on ‘news’. There was a display of former pupils’ photographs, memorabilia and personal reminiscences in the hall organised by Gill Hart, an exhibition of the history of the school displayed by Val Pollitt, Richard and Brice Moore in the Life Long Learning Centre. Many also toured the school checking out old haunts especially classrooms and the hall.

This was followed by lunch during which many addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and more news were exchanged.

After lunch there was another chance to tour the school, visit the exhibitions and tour Digby Croft, which is now the administration centre; the current Headteacher’s office was Form 1T. This was followed by group photographs and tea with the Headteacher, Mr Stuart Robinson during which a commemorative cake was cut.

A tree was planted by Miss Anne Gray, the last Headmistress of the Girls’ School before it joined with St. Bartholomew’s Grammar School and became a mixed comprehensive in 1975. Also on sale during the day was a history of the school written by a former pupil and current member of staff Mrs Val Pollitt Johnson (nee Stren) entitled ‘Wisdom is Strength’. The original photographs in the book were part of her exhibition in the Life Long Learning Centre.

Thanks should go to the catering and facilities managers who hard to cater for the large numbers so successfully and hospitality the event would not have been possible.

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A fee was charged for the day and because of the great response there was more than enough to pay for the meal. The surplus was spent on buying the tree, a suitable plaque to go with it and on framing some old photographs of the girls’ era which are now on display around the school. The residue was sent to the Peckham Settlement with which St. Bartholomew’s still has a connection.

S.A.S.

Val Pollitt, a history teacher at the School has recently published a book of the school
"Wisdom is Strength, A History of Newbury Girls School (1904 to 1975)."

The publication date coincided with the Reunion on 9th October 2004. The book is now available by post direct from Val Pollitt, Hollyoak, Broadlayings, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks RG20 9TR Price is £12 plus £2.50 pp (£5.00 overseas) or for for callers to the School administration dept. at Digby Croft. Please make cheques payable to “Val Pollitt Book Account”.

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The Record, 1930
The School enjoyed a very interesting lecture on the Settlement and its work, given by Miss Braithwaite, who is Secretary of the Settlement. (Presumably this was the Peckham Settlement with which the School has a relationship today - Ed.)

100 years ago
The Newburian, 1905
O.N.A. AGM July 12th, 1905. F. Comyns (Hon. Sec.) “Gentlemen - At the end of the 2nd year of the existence of the O.N.A. I think I may without hesitation report that our affairs are generally satisfactory. We have for the first time dined together, and I suggest that the experiment justifies the establishment of a dinner as an annual function.” Some excellent songs were sung during the evening by W.H. Bell, F. Comyns, E.J. Davis, J. Stradling, C. Stradling, H. Metcalf, V. Corden, H. Hayton and W. Judd. The accompaniments were played by Mr. Freeman, and the singing of “Auld Lang Syne” brought a most pleasant evening to a close.
(Any singers coming to the AGM this year? - Ed.)
Famous Old Newburians

Herbert Akroyd Stuart 1864-1927

Stuart, Herbert Akroyd 1864-1927, mechanical engineer and inventor of the hot-bulb oil engine, was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, 28 January 1864. His father, Charles Stuart, was born in Paisley, near Glasgow, and by 1858 was working as a pattern-maker in Halifax; his mother, Ann Ackroyd (the given spelling of his middle name, was the daughter of Jonathan Ackroyd, a worsted cloth weaver of Luddenden near Halifax. Herbert was the second of their six children, and at the age of twelve was sent to St Bartholomew's Grammar School in Newbury, Berkshire. Shortly afterwards the family moved to Fenny Stratford, where his father had acquired the Bletchley ironworks, manufacturing steam engines and boilers.

On leaving school Herbert joined his father as an engineering apprentice, and also worked for a time in the mechanical engineering laboratories of the City and Guilds Technical College in Finsbury, London. His father had installed a Spiel petroleum engine to drive some of the machinery in his workshops, and Herbert was inspired to work on the problem of developing an internal-combustion engine that would run on heavier (and safer) grades of fuel oil. He took out his first two engine patents in 1886, and having progressively improved the design to give more complete combustion and avoid pre-ignition, in 1890 he was granted two patents for a hot-bulb oil engine, two years before Rudolf Diesel's first English patent for his compression-ignition oil engine. A small number of Stuart's engines had already been built and tested in Bletchley by 1890, on one occasion by the chief engineer of Richard Hornsby & Sons of Grantham, who soon afterwards became the sole licensees, manufacturers and developers of the Hornsby-Akroyd oil engine. It was very simple, efficient, and reliable in operation, with the minor disadvantage that the vaporizer required preheating for a few minutes before the engine could be started; when running, it retained sufficient heat to ignite the injected fuel. Essentially slow-running and of limited horsepower, the majority of the many thousands of engines made by Hornsby between 1892 and 1922 were used as stationary engines for agricultural and general workshop purposes. They were also used to power the first oil-engined tractor and the first practical oil-engined locomotive, both in 1896. A 20-hp Hornsby-Akroyd engine powered the world's first caterpillar tractor in 1905, but later attempts to match the development of the high-speed diesel engine were unsuccessful.

Akroyd Stuart was elected a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in 1901, but a few years previously he had emigrated to Australia, where he involved himself in the design and manufacture of the Akroyd patent down-draught gas producer. He evidently resented the fact that the name 'diesel' had come to be applied to virtually every type of oil engine, hot-bulb (ignition) as well as compression-ignition, and in 1923 he asked the Institution to declare that henceforth the word 'diesel' should only be used to describe oil engines operating on the compression-ignition principle, hot-bulb engines to be known as 'akroyds'. The Institution, however, did not feel able to recommend such a change after the word 'diesel' had been in universal use for so long.

Akroyd Stuart died in Claremont, Western Australia, 19 February 1927, a disappointed if not embittered man, and in his will directed that all his papers should be burned. His body was brought home and buried in the Akroyd cemetery, Halifax.

(If you know of other famous Old Newburians please send me an article and I’ll endeavour to include it in future issues of The Old Newburian - Ed.)
SPORTS REPORTS
WINTER 2004 and SUMMER 2005

RUGBY

Sat. 11th Dec. 2004

School 1st XV 14  O.N.A. U21 XV 7

This year’s annual match against the School deteriorated into a scrappy game with the Old Boys giving away too many penalties and making too many handling errors to take full advantage of their possession. The School took an early lead from a well-stuck penalty by David Jones which proved to be the only score of the first half.

Ten minutes into the second half with the Old Boys desperateely defending the ball went loose and from 30 yards out the School hacked ahead with Oliver Proudfoot winning the chase to touch down for the School stretching the score to 8-0. Shortly afterwards the Old Boys were punished by another penalty by David Jones and the School went further ahead (11-0).

The Old Boys could not break through the School’s defence and following a period of intense pressure on the School try line, with the School continually infringing the Old Boys were awarded a penalty try, converted by Tom Heath. However, in the dying minutes the School sealed a good win with another penalty kicked by David Jones to make the final score 14-7.

LACROSSE

Sat. 11th Dec. 2004

O.N.A. - 6 School - 5

On a murky morning where the creeping cold bore down on an expectant crowd and the fog was so thick that one could only just see from one end of the pitch to the other, the Old Newburians took on the present first team of St Barts in a match that could have gone either way up until the final whistle. With the ONA sporting 2 current senior internationals the school certainly had it's hands full.

After a tight first quarter Becky Thomas fed former Welsh International Julia Davies who popped the ball into the back of the net and ONA found themselves in the lead 1-0. The game see-sawed back and forth with goals being swapped through Becky Thomas and Jenny Snowball for ONA and Kelly Bonnar and Steph Webb for school until, despite some excellent athletic saves from Ann Parker in goal, ONA could no longer hold the purple tide of the school and St Barts swept into a 4-3 lead.

The two Kellys, Morris & Thorne dominated in mid field for ONA but the school held on thanks to some tight defensive marking from Asha Niven and several good saves from the school goalkeeper. The game was briefly tied as ONA equalised through a finely worked goal from Jenny Snowball and then hit back with 2 further goals from Becky Thomas in the fourth quarter. Another goal for school, this time from Sarah Paul, brought them within close reach but fortunately for ONA, time ran out leaving them the winners of this year’s encounter.

O.N.A. Back row l to r: Ann Parker, Caroline Dodridge, Julia Davies, ???3M, Dotti Fenn, ???2H, Kelly Morris, Kelly Thorne, Audrey Willis, Olly Proudfoot.
Front row: ???LD, Becki Thomas, Claire Stubbs, Janet Calloway, Rachel Willis
Early probing attacks left little for their goalkeeper to do other than gather the ball and clear up field. Approaching half time the Old Boys conceded a corner, taken by Matt Ladds, who floated the ball across the goal mouth for Jason Russell to head in past the despairing dive by the O.N.A. Goalkeeper.

Just on half time Neil Nightingale’s shot was tucked round the post by the School goalkeeper for an O.N.A. Corner. This was taken by Neil Green who floated the ball over the goal mouth and a powerful drive by James Smee was deflected by a defender past the School goalkeeper making the half time score 1-1.

A half time team talk led to a change of tactics by the Old boys. The fron three were to keep on-side in the School’s half and the remaining players stay back in defence supporting Lee Dillon in goal and at every opportunity send long balls up field for the strikers to attack the School goal. Neil Green snapped up one of these long passes, beat the defence, side-stepped the goalkeeper to score. This was quickly followed by Neil scoring a penalty, following a goal mouth foul on John Gwynn. The School closed the Old Boys down for a while but the packed defence held firm and as full time approached a long ball out of defence from Jon Gwynn was picked up by Mark Prickett who’s short range drive beat the School’s keeper for a final result of 1 to 4 for the Old Boys.

O.N.A. Team, Back row (l to r): M. Stevens, James Smee, Rob Elliott, Nick Hartley, Tom Baikie, Mike Simms
Front row (l to r): Jon Gwynn, Neil Nightingale, Neil Green, Mark Prickett, S. Culley.
O.N.A. Team, Back row (l to r): D. Pearson, T. Pinfold, P. Eden, A. Caldwell, S. Culley, M. Culley, S. Berry, L. Dillon  

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**Centenary Ties**

Brice Moore has sold over eighty Centenary Ties, bows, cravats to members in Australia, U.S.A., United Arab Emirates, Canada as well as in the UK. They are priced as follows:

1. Ties £10 +p&p  
2. Ready-made Bow Ties £10 +p&p  
3. Self-tie Bow Ties £12 +p&p  
4. Men’s Cravats £16 +p&p  

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The ONA netball teams were again both victorious in 2005, the first team winning 40 - 21 and the second team 42-24.

The first team match was dominated by the experience of the ONA players, but the school players worked tirelessly throughout the game, which was always played in a good spirit. Our thanks go to the umpires Marion Steiner and Sally Davis for giving up their morning, as without support from umpires this fixture could not take place. Unfortunately I am unable to provide any further details of the game as I was umpiring the second team match. If any of the first team players have more details, which they can send to me I will arrange for them to be posted on the ONA website.

The second team game was predominately made up of the "more mature" netballers, leaving the younger members to play in the first team, however we were glad to have the young legs and shooting ability of Kelly Thorne and Lucy Wearn. From the start of the match the experience of the ONA players was evident and they took a lead of 18 goals to 3 in the first quarter. The school responded more positively in the second quarter and the half time score was 32-10. In the final quarter of the game the ONA picked bibs at random to form a versatility team. The school made the most of the out of position ONA players and had a fantastic final quarter scoring 10 goals to only 3 by the ONA, giving a final result of 42-24 to the ONA. A big thank you to Lindsay Leach who umpired with me for most of the match and who played for a quarter for the ONA. Thanks to all the players for the friendly way that this match was played.

Front row: Dotti Fenn, Nicki Bolton, Becky Foden.
Front row: Lisa Bird, Jeanette O’Regan, Jackie Taylor.

GOLF

Due to a number of circumstances there was no golf this year. We hope that 2006 will see a return of this enjoyable fixture.
(I certainly hope so as it enables some of us older members to take part in a sporting occasion - Ed.)
CRICKET

Sun. 26th June 2005

O.N.A. 1st XI - 113 School 1st XI - 118 for 2

Following the success of last year, 35 overs a side games were played in both the 1st and 2nd matches.
The 1st XI match started well for the School with an indifferent pitch providing some awkward bounce for the Old Boys batsmen. It wasn’t long before some excellent pace bowling from the School’s I. Thorn (3 for 21) and D. Bloor (2 for 10) skittled out the Old Boys opening batsmen with only M. Richardson (12), Matt Prickett (3), N. Green (11) and A. Prickett (11) getting on the score sheet. This brought together Tom Heath (33) and Mark Prickett (22) but after they were both out only R. Elliott (8) and A. Ship (8) added to the O.N.A. Score. The other successful bowlers for the School were R. Nichols (2 for 13), P. Bola (1 for 9) and R. Dando (1 for 19)

The School’s opening batsmen O. Proudfoot (53 n.o.) and R. Dando (45) made a cautious start but soon got on top of the Old Boys bowling and the runs started to flow freely. Backed up by R. Dey (7) and D. Bloor (7 n.o.) the School wrapped up an eight wicket win over the Old Boys. R. Elliott (1 for 44) and M. Richardson (1 for 15) were the only successful O.N.A. Bowlers.

The School was represented at tea by Assistant Head Neil Cook and Head of P.E. Dave McGall. An excellent lunch and tea were again prepared by Molly Gale, Joan Hobbs and Jessica Murcell.

O.N.A. Team Back row (l to r): R. Elliot, A. Ship, A. Pricett, T. Heath, T. Capewell
Font row: D. Swait, N. Green, M. Prickett, M. Prickett, P. Marshall, M. Richardson.
The Old Boys opened the batting and the first four wickets fell quickly; M. Westbrook (6), W. Davis (8), M. Walters (4) and M. Chivers (11). This brought together D. Barlow (46) and J. Barlow (73 n.o.) who rapidly piled on the runs. When David Barlow was bowled by C. Scarr, P. Westbrook (34 n.o.) joined John Barlow who both accelerated the run rate and the Old Boys were able to declare after tea with only 30 overs being bowled by the School. The School’s successful bowlers were Tooley (2 for 15), Thornton 1 for 17, C. Scarr (1 for 17) and O. Scarr (1 for 23).

The School’s top-order batsmen started confidently; Thornton (4), Tooley (19), Santos (46), Wood (18) and were building a good score but when Ashcroft-Leigh (8) was run out their innings started to collapse with only Winston (10) and Humphries (12) reaching double figures. The School were all out for 136. The Old Boys’ top bowlers were J. Barlow (3 for 16), S. Patrick (2 for 20), D. Barlow (2 for 22) with P. Westbrook and J. Aniszewski taking one each.

O.N.A. Team Back row (l to r): P. Westbrook, M. Chivers, W. Davies, J. Barlow, M. Walters, M. Westbrook
Front row: S. Patrick, J. Aniszewski, D. Barlow, D. Walters.

Tues. 5th July 2005

O.N.A. versus Staff

The 2005 match suffered from a water-logged pitch and was cancelled before a ball was bowled.
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1st Prize was £20, 2nd Prize £15 and 3rd Prize £5. From 80 entries. There will be another “100 Club” starting in Jan 2006. Entry will again be £12 for one year with 50% of the income received going in prizes. It would be great if we could reach 100 entries this next year. Please find an entry form loosely inserted with this magazine.
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